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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-15 were pending in the Application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6 and 11. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicant submits that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-15 will remain pending in the application.

2. Rejections

The Examiner has stated that prior arguments in support of patentability were allegedly not convincing and has apparently maintained the prior rejections. Applicant respectfully traverses, but solely in order to expedite prosecution has amended claims 1, 6 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully notes the discussion of transaction data at page 5, line 13 through page 6, line 15 in reference to Fig. 2 and reference numeral 210 as well as the description at page 7, line 10 through page 9 line 17 and Figs. 4-5 and step 506.

Accordingly, the rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references.

3. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

4. Authorization

Please charge the required fee as specified in the Amendment Transmittal letter enclosed herewith. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge

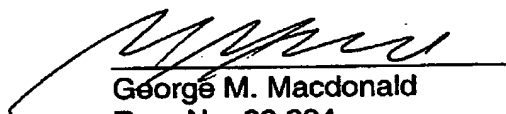
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any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. E-848.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. E-848.

Respectfully submitted,



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